



IN MEMORY OF GEN. LEE.

ELOQUENT EULOGIES DELIVERED

On His Life and Character by Members of the House of Representatives.—Mr. Wise Will Continue Chairman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—[Special.]—In pursuance of a resolution adopted some time since, the House today devoted its session to eulogies upon the late General W. H. F. Lee, of the English Virginia district.

Representative Meredith said that in his remarks he would confine himself to a simple statement of the life and characteristics of General Lee, who, in his opinion, measured fully up to the standard of the noblest work of God, an honest man. He said that if the character of an entire people could have stood the hand of death, these ceremonies would have been postponed for many a day. After paying just and proper tribute to the noble traits of General Lee, Mr. Meredith sketched his life and career, dwelling particularly upon his military services.

MR. EDMUNDS' SPEECH.

Representative Edmunds followed, reading his remarks from a manuscript. He also eulogized General Lee's civil and military life. Mr. Edmunds referred to General Lee's ancestry, saying that some of them were concerned in every step of the progress of civilization, laying the foundation of the Republic upon the great Republic left by the deceased, describing him as a man of most noble traits. He was faithful, loyal and true to all things.

HARRY TUCKER'S EULOGY.

Mr. Tucker said General Lee was the natural product of the civilization of Virginia. He described the intellectual, moral and physical training of the noble youth in the days when General Lee was growing up. He said that he could not better describe the loss caused and felt by the death of General Lee than to read from the minutes of the University of Virginia the expressions of that loss. He said General Lee was eulogized by his countrymen in the most glowing terms in the English language. Any sketch, he said, of General Lee would be incomplete that did not mention his love for little children. His ambition was not to attain, but to preserve the Republic. General Lee was growing up in the midst of the great Republic, and his life was a life of sacrifice.

COLONEL O'FERRALL.

Colonel O'Ferrall spoke of General Lee's demise as the death of a friend, a colleague, whose presence always brought sunshine into every presence he entered. He spoke of the spirit of pride which moves every Virginian at the very name of Lee. He said that the noblest of States and statesmen, the very cradle of American liberty, of the greatness of Richard Henry and Francis Pickens Lee, both signers of the Declaration of Independence. After briefly eulogizing General Lee's career, Colonel O'Ferrall said it was his privilege to become acquainted with General Lee during the war, and he bore testimony from personal observation to the gallantry as a leader in war, saying he rose by merit from a captain to a major general. In politics, he was a Democrat, but was as pure in the political arena as in his domestic life. He was faithful even in the minutest details to his constituents. Though he was gallant as a soldier, pure as a man, and patriotic as a citizen, it was in the domestic circle that his most lovely attributes shone out.

CAPTAIN WISE.

Captain Wise traced the life of General Lee from infancy along through West Point and to his army service under General Albert Sidney Johnston in Utah. He was not a soldier in time of peace and therefore resigned from the army in 1853. As proprietor of the White House, the possessor of wealth, he was in the society of his family. Mr. Wise said, General Lee enjoyed an earthly paradise, but his calm and peaceful life was interrupted by the outbreak of war. There were honest differences, but had existed almost since the foundation of the Government. General W. H. F. Lee descended from a long line of distinguished ancestry. Mr. Wise followed General W. H. F. Lee into the Confederate army, and in speaking of General Lee, he succeeded in making the command of the Army of Northern Virginia, but some decisive step was necessary to save Richmond. Mr. Wise here described Stuart's ride around McClellan's army and the share General Lee bore in it. He traced the career of the deceased through the war into a prison, where he heard the tidings of the death of his wife and children and the destruction of his historic home. No higher tribute could be paid him than to say he was a trusted leader in that noble army which only failed where success was impossible. A noble soldier, Christian and gentleman never breathed.

Mr. Wise said that his meagre details of the late war had not been given to revive animosities or rekindle sectional strife, but because it was a part of the career of him we all mourn. He then paid a glowing tribute to the soldiers of both sections who were at arms at Appomattox. A returned hero believing in no divided allegiance. They believed that in union there is perpetuity and strength and know that these reunited States are invulnerable.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

The other speakers followed in the order set down. The complete list of speakers and the order in which they came was as follows: Messrs. Meredith, Edmunds, Tucker, O'Ferrall and Wise, of Virginia; Henderson, of West Virginia; Herbert, Wilson, of West Virginia; Cummings, Chapman, Cowles, Elliot, Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and Culberson.

THE REMOR DENIED.

A rumor has been circulated to the effect that the object of the Democratic leaders of the House in increasing the membership of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce by two was to displace Representative Wise as chairman, that the purpose was to bring about a choice by election and thus secure the defeat of Mr. Wise.

General Catchings, who offered the amendment increasing the membership, said to your "respondent" to-day:

"There is absolutely no truth in the report. Two members were added to the committee to make places for Caruth of Kentucky and Combs of Brooklyn. In the last House the committee consisted of seventeen members. We had fixed it at fifteen. To make room for Caruth and Combs we added two to the committee. That is all there is in it."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

In North Carolina star service from Fairfax a fully paid was discontinued from the 15th inst.

Mail messenger service to Rockwell, Rowan county from Richmond and Danville railroad, has been discontinued.

House of Representatives.

There was a small attendance in the House this morning both on the floor and in the galleries. This was the day set apart for the delivery of eulogies upon the late General W. H. F. Lee, of the English Virginia district.

Senator Pedro Montt, the Chilean Minister, was on the floor for a short time and was introduced to several members by Congressman Smith, of Mississippi.

The House convened at 12:45 P. M. The usual being approved, a recess was taken until 1 o'clock. Resolutions of respect were passed, and then Mr. Meredith, the successor of General Lee, delivered a brief and touching eulogy upon the deceased.

Remarks of respect were then made by the following gentlemen: Representatives Edmunds, Tucker, O'Ferrall and Wise of Virginia; Herbert, of Oregon; Washington of Tennessee; Herbert of Alabama; Wilson of West Virginia; Cummings of New York; Jones of North Carolina; Elliott of South Carolina and Breckinridge of Kentucky. The House then adjourned until Monday.

Mr. John W. Pond, engineer of the Resister and Birmingham Railroad Company, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

METHODIST EDUCATORS

To Meet in Annual Session Soon—Encampment of State Guard.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6.—[Special.]—In a short time the educational board of the Methodist conferences in this State will hold their annual meeting. Bishops Galloway and Duncan will be present on this occasion. The executive committee of the Methodist board of Christian Education met in Raleigh and discussed plans to fund the debt now resting on that institution and prepare for more vigorous work. The committee is also looking out for a principal to succeed the present one, who will retire next June.

The encampment of the State Guard at Wrightsville this year will be by regiments. Next year the entire Guard will go into encampment at the World's Fair at Chicago.

John Rindall, who lives on Indian creek near Lincolnton, will soon begin the erection of a patent roller flouring mill. He will put in what is known as the "log process" with a capacity of about 100 bushels of wheat per day.

Andy Gibson, a colored train-hand on the Western North Carolina railroad, was killed last night at Statesville. He was preparing to couple the engine and a box-car and was walking along the track between the two when his foot caught on the switch and he was thrown across the rails. The trucks of the engine ran over him, breaking one leg and cutting the other entirely off. He died as he was taken to the hospital.

A large crowd is expected here to-morrow to hear Sam Jones, the evangelist, preach at Edenton-street M. E. church. He has delivered two lectures and will preach to-morrow morning and evening. A large crowd has arrived on the incoming trains to-night in order to hear him.

The funeral of Mr. F. W. Sherwood, the engineer of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, took place to-day at the First Presbyterian church. There was a large number of Knights of Pythias taking part in the ceremonies, every lodge in the city turning out. The funeral services of the order were solemnized at Oakwood cemetery, where the interment took place. Prelate Foster, of Centre Lodge, officiated.

The work of slating the roof of the new union depot here has been finished, but there is considerable work yet to be done on the interior.

HENDERSON Tobacco Market—Prisoners

HENDERSON, N. C., Feb. 6.—[Special.]—All our warehouses have been well filled since Tuesday and prices are unchanged. The tobacco crop generally is deficient in body, but there are a few farmers who have as good tobacco as has been raised in this State. The tobacco is not yet in the market, but the day of the delivery here, an account of which was telegraphed you on the 4th, is still at large. The other four were soon brought in.

Rev. Sam. Jones will lecture here to-night and will have a full house.

Our friends have about finished burning plant beds, and are now plowing for oats.

Highland Spring Notes.

HIGHLAND SPRING, VA., Feb. 6.—The week has been enlivened by a wedding, and the bride, Miss Etta Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lee, was married to Mr. Randolph. Games and merry-making were continued till the "wee sma' hours."

The addition to Mr. Read's house is rapidly nearing completion, and when the observatory is finished those interested in astronomy will have an opportunity to scan the heavens through one of the best telescopes in the country.

During the past month the following pupils were on the roll of honor in Miller's graded school: Harry Stainback, Charlie Stainback, Campbell Ayres, Harry Ayres, Walter Ayres, Oliver Ayres, Rolfe Nease, Smith Ayres, Mollie Elliott.

Revenue Collections—Insane.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 6.—[Special.]—The United States internal revenue collections in the Second district of Virginia for the month of January, 1892, were as follows: Tobacco, \$80,872.44; cigars and cigarettes, \$42,911.27; brands, \$4,085.10; beer, \$203.50; snuff, \$27; spirits, \$277.75; total, \$129,310.17.

The exports for the month of January were as follows: Tobacco, 561,023.5 pounds; number of cigars, 5,000; number of cigarettes, 1,324,000.

Joseph Green and Moses Chapman, two colored men in the city jail, were adjudged insane to-day and ordered to be sent to the Central Lunatic Asylum as soon as accommodations can be had there for them.

Buckingham Crops.

BUCKINGHAM CORNHOUSE, Jan. 6.—[Special.]—We were surprised to see the snow yesterday morning. The weather for the last ten days has been so mild that the farmers were running their plows and quite expecting the spring. The pruning of grape vines and small-fruit trees, which commenced in place in the preceding days of February, has now been postponed.

The farmers who have taken their tobacco to the Farmville market have had good prices, but have not been so successful with beef cattle, which seems to be low everywhere.

What is looking fairly well, but a poor showing for winter oats.

The Farmers' Alliance in this section seems to be "lying low" this winter, but is making good promises for the future in the way of branch stores, &c.

Hardships at Sea.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The British steamship Etruria, Captain Haines, reports that the Etruria experienced severe weather during her passage across the Atlantic. On Sunday last the Etruria passed through a hurricane which tried her seagoing qualities severely. During the storm the steamship shipped several heavy seas, which resulted in severe injury to two of her crew and minor injuries to several others. One of the Etruria's crew had his leg broken during the hurricane and another man had his skull fractured.

A Female African Traveler.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Mrs. French Shelton, who went to Central Africa last year, has completed the inevitable book describing her journey and experience in the Dark Continent. She will start for New York next Wednesday to arrange a simultaneous publication of her adventures and observations on the land of elephants, tusk and unpronounceable rivers.

An Accomplished Vocalist.

A select company of music lovers was informally gathered yesterday afternoon in the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hair to meet the accomplished vocalist, Miss Marion Kemp, of New York. Miss Kemp delighted those present by her beautiful voice and artistic style of singing, which has lately been highly developed by a thorough course of training under some of the leading masters of Europe. Miss May Rogers and Mr. Hair added to the evening's enjoyment by performing on the piano some of Mr. Hair's own compositions.

Pullman Car Tax.

The bill introduced by Mr. Saunders yesterday, which imposes a tax upon the proportion of the capital stock of all Pullman sleeping or dining car companies which is invested or used in this State, taxes every \$100 of the assessed cash value of the capital stock of such corporations. An additional tax of 10 cents on the \$100 is to be applied to the public schools.

Monroe Ward Club.

There was a large meeting of the Monroe Ward Democratic club last evening at their hall, No. 210 South Second street.

Addresses were made by Captain Charles H. Epps, Sheriff D. S. Cates, Mr. John T. Hays. Several friends spoke for Mr. H. Sell Jennings, who was not present, and Captain Stratton also made a few remarks.

The A. P. V. A.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will meet in the Hall of the House of Delegates to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. There will be an election of officers and other business of importance will be transacted. All members, old and new, are requested to attend.

"RIFLE AGAINST RIFLE."

POLITICS MAY CAUSE BLOODSHED.

Winchesters Consigned to the Democratic Chairman Causes a Stir in New Orleans—Press Comments.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6.—The arrival of about 500 rifles and 2,000 rounds of ammunition consigned to Colonel Randall, chairman of the Democratic State committee, on the steamship El Paso, from New York, is noted by the New Delta, accompanied by strong editorial remarks, concluding as follows:

"To the Winchester in the hands of the hiring oppressor the Winchester in the hands of the freeman. Let every crack of a lottery rifle wake an answering echo the report of an anti-lottery one. If the hoodlums of New Orleans disparage the Winchester in the hands of the city armed with weapons placed in their hands by this lottery committee sweep them from the face of the earth. If the streets of New Orleans are to be reddened with blood let it not be alone the blood of her citizens. If wholesale murder has been resolved upon by the lottery let the people resolve upon who shall do the execution."

In reply the Evening States says Mr. Foster, of St. Mary, the candidate of the anti-farmer, was the first man who raised the cry of rifles in the contest. Every \$500 bill means every pro-lottery vote, he said in substance, was to be met with a \$25 rifle. In view of these facts, argues the States, it is not astonishing that the Democratic committee have taken the necessary steps to protect their freedom of opinion and of the ballot. Ladies, if they had failed to do so they would not be fit to hold the leadership of a party of American citizens. Ballot against ballot, rifle against rifle and by memories of men who fought and bled for our Constitution, it shall be rifles against fraud and rascality."

TENNESSEE TRAGEDIES.

A Man and Wife Both Killed and a Wife Murdered Her Husband.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 6.—Yesterday United States Deputy Marshal Sperry reported a horrible tragedy, which happened at a country dance near Gordonsville, Putnam county, on the night after the 4th inst. As a result, three persons, George White, his wife, Mrs. Mary White, and Sam Bonelson, are dead, killed in a drunken row. The dance was given as a leap year affair, and with good people were "toughs," who began to fill up on whisky during the early part of the night. A respectable element at the ball drew off to themselves, refusing to affiliate with the "toughs." After midnight the rowdies began to interfere. Bonelson and White deputized themselves to order off the men. Their orders were met with catcalls and curses, and the larger part of the gang drew weapons. This was more than the two men could stand, and White struck at one of the toughs, but didn't hit him. A fight ensued in which Mrs. White was killed. The husband, enraged, sprang into the thickest of the fight, and the Bonelson was shot down. No arrests have been made.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

MIAMI, TENN., Feb. 6.—A horrible tragedy occurred in Carroll county last night. Charles Travis and wife have been living unhappily for some time. A few days ago the wife pushed one of the children into the fire-place, burning it badly. In his anger the husband kicked his wife off the porch and she fell. He would kill him and last night while her husband was asleep Mrs. Travis procured a razor and slashed his face and throat in a dozen places. Travis grappled with his wife and secured the razor. He was so weakened by loss of blood that he was unable to get up and lay helpless. When the neighbors reached the house Mrs. Travis was found covered with blood and in the act of shooting herself with a revolver. It is believed she is insane, brought on by brooding over domestic troubles.

Bade Farewell to Russia.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 6.—Three years ago Rudolph Koff, with \$2,000 in his pocket, left Atlanta for Russia. He was not again heard from until to-day, when he returned with a curious story. He stated that as soon as he arrived in Russia he was arrested because his name was on the list of those who had given information to General Kenan about the strike in Siberia. He was tried and sentenced to a term of eight years. In time he was transferred to the penal work in the navy and thus came to be on board the Russian flag-ship Sebastopol, which passed off Tyler some days ago. Koff learned that the ship was to be sent to the coast of America and he was sent ashore to consult with a pilot. As soon as he touched ground he bade adieu to his companions and set out for Atlanta. Koff had become an American citizen before his departure for Russia.

The Overman Court-Martial.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6.—In to-day's session of the Overman court-martial trial Major Overman admitted that he had failed to account to the Government for \$200,000 of the special forces, but declared that he had not converted the money to his own use, also that the United States would not lose anything by the transaction. This afternoon the court began taking testimony on the specifications charging Overman with having purchased two dozen pearl-handled pocket knives and returning bills for the same to the Treasury Department as "pikes for the breakwater."

A Remarkable Capture.

STANNAH, GA., Feb. 6.—Rev. Joseph J. Lindner, the famous confidence man, was captured here to-day. He was talking with Secretary Stradman, of the Young Men's Christian Association, while the latter was opening the Association mail. Among the latter was one containing a reward for his capture. Lindner saw the circular and left the building before Stradman could stop him. The secretary captured him soon afterwards on the street as he was making for the depot. Heckmiller, who has the best and the largest collection of diamonds and money under false pretenses.

Serious Charges Against a Priest.

TOLLEDO, O., Feb. 6.—Father Kolosinski, pastor of St. Anthony's Polish Catholic church, was arrested last evening on a warrant sworn out by the parents of Frances Kerkovick, an eleven-year-old girl in his parish, who alleges that the priest committed a criminal assault upon her on September 13th inst. and at divers times since. The girl had been employed as a domestic in Father Kolosinski's house, and he has since been charged with a rape. The priest denies the charges and says it is a blackmail scheme. The defendant was released on \$1,000 bail.

She Wanted Revenge.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 6.—Three days ago Allen Hines assaulted Rosa Egan, the daughter of Frank Egan, and ran away. He was brought to Memphis this morning and the little girl and her father laid the head-charges against him. As soon as the charges were read Hines drew a pistol from under her apron and quickly handed it to the father, who leveled the weapon at Hines and was in the act of shooting when the chief made a lunge for the revolver. He had a hard struggle with the father and daughter before he could secure the weapon.

That Nasty Deed.

HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 6.—Three members were present at the roll call for the House of Representatives at 9 o'clock this morning. They were Messrs. Windley, Leake, and Wood. Mr. Walker, the organizer of the minority, was in the gallery. In the absence of a quorum the speaker declared the House adjourned until Monday at 4 P. M.

The Electric Lights.

The Committee on Electric Lights of the City Council met in the Council chamber last evening, with Mr. Dean Courtney in the chair, to locate the 20 electric lights which are to be installed by the Richmond Railway and Electric Light Company. After some discussion it was decided to leave the location to Superintendent Adams, of the city gas-works, in conjunction with the City Engineer, who on their part will confer with Superintendent Trafford, of the Richmond Railway Company.

"THE ANTI-MONOPOLY BILL."

A Merchant Replies to "The Times" Editor.

Editor of The Times:

The editorial in Friday's issue in THE TIMES, headed "Anti-Monopoly Bill," has created great surprise and just indignation of the commission merchants of the city of Richmond. The writer shows entire ignorance of the subject on which he writes, so far as relates to tobacco. I will only answer those paragraphs in which he is wrong in his judgment, reflect most on commission men.

"1st. The Virginia tobacco-grower is not interested in the matter. Of all the tobacco used by the American Tobacco Company only about 5 per cent. of it is grown in Virginia. The remainder comes from North Carolina and Kentucky. We have this fact from the books of the American Tobacco Company. Mr. Wright can get them also if he will call at that company's office."

The Virginia farmer is of all men most interested. The commission merchants have taken the Virginia farmer's tobacco, and by their energies and connection have furnished him an outlet for them. The purchases of American Tobacco Company at Richmond, Danville and other points of Virginia on the warehouse floor from tobacco and commission merchants would indicate that the American Tobacco Company must purchase largely over 5 per cent. of their stock in Virginia.

"2d. The Virginia farmer is interested in having the American Tobacco Company do business here. The only Virginia tobacco used by the American Tobacco Company is a light brown tobacco, and this company consumes all of this tobacco grown in Virginia. When Allen & Ginter commenced making cigarettes no light brown tobacco was raised in Virginia. They developed the growth of it and the American Tobacco Company, their successor, continues its development. Take this industry away and the Virginia farmer will have no market for the tobacco which they use."

"The Virginia farmer can only sell the American Tobacco Company or any other manufacturer on warehouse floor or by sample, which requires that he pay 'the despised and to be killed' commission merchant a commission unless he should sell in his barn, and as yet the American Tobacco Company has no warehouse in Virginia. The fact that it is now to the trade that the American Tobacco Company use a light brown tobacco. Suppose the writer must have intended to write bright yellow tobacco, as one so used by the American Tobacco Company must know they use only fine-bred bright. Bright tobacco of the types used by the American Tobacco Company have been used since early in the fifties, and have grown rapidly in favor, both in this country and England. The same applies to Burley or against dark, heavy tobacco. The consumer creates the demand, the manufacturer takes advantage of it. Statistics would prove that other manufacturers in England, England and the United States of the bright tobacco grown in Virginia. It is, however, true that in the class of tobacco known as bright cutters, those selling above 20 cents are bought almost exclusively by the American Tobacco Company. The five factories in this country having no warehouses in Virginia."

In regard to the most remarkable part of the editorial, the fourth clause, in which the writer asks why the commission merchant should not be killed entirely by a mere burden on the producer, we have to say. Commission merchants as a class have not been hurt by the American Tobacco Company. There are more of them in Virginia and North Carolina now than ten to twenty years ago, and every pound of tobacco purchased by the American Tobacco Company in Virginia and North Carolina is purchased through them. If not purchased of the Richmond commission merchant it is bought on warehouse floor through the warehouse man, who is in fact a commission merchant. Tobacco manufacturers, with all the aids of steam and electricity, are no nearer the farmer in purchasing raw material than they were fifty years since; then it was purchased through Richmond and Petersburg commission merchants, now it is purchased partly of Richmond and Petersburg and partly of commission men on the interior markets, who "still load the farmer's products with another burden." The millennium not having arrived, people are still soiled under charge for their services. The writer asks as if the matter of purchasing tobacco is as simple as selling it. The writer is wrong. Selling was simply a matter of pressing a button.

By the policy advocated by the writer, the Richmond tobacco warehouse men would be relegated to the owl and the bat in the twenty odd to be vacated warehouses. Having failed in this, the writer would have a merchant to keep him informed as to the wants of the manufacturer and prices, but can keep his crops in his barn and wait for the manufacturer to drop in and purchase at full value.

Keenly appreciating the services your paper has rendered to all interested in tobacco, it is with regret we feel called upon to resent the unprovoked and gratuitous assault made upon us through your columns.

MERCHANT.

ARMORY SHOTS.

Hon. H. M. Smith, Jr., Commonwealth's attorney, has accepted the position of advance officer with rank of captain of the First Virginia regiment and the certificate of his appointment has been sent to the Governor, with the request that the commission be granted. Captain Smith is a graduate of Blacksburg, and all of the officers of the regiment who have heard of the appointment expressed themselves as being highly satisfied with so excellent a selection, and will receive Captain Smith with enthusiasm and loyalty. He succeeds Captain Frank W. Cunningham.

Captain Cunningham has accepted the command of Company B, made vacant by the resignation of Captain L. T. Christian, and the men of the company are very happy at having him as their commanding officer. The resignation of Captain W. T. Mosby, of Company C, has not yet been elected.

An election has been ordered for next Tuesday evening, at which time a lieutenant for Company B will be selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant John Marks. There has been a vacancy on the cavalry staff for some time, but orders have been issued and a certificate forwarded of the appointment of Mr. E. D. Holtzlake, general freight agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. He will be promoted to captain and the cavalry service is to be congratulated on so excellent a man and officer.

The Delegates to the Y. M. C. A.

Secretary Candlish has already received notice from over two hundred delegates from other cities who will attend the State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, but up to last evening quarters and entertainment had only been secured for ninety-two visitors. It is expected that at least four hundred out-of-town delegates will meet here and all citizens who are willing to give free entertainment to some of the delegates are urged to send at once their names and addresses to Secretary Candlish. Last year the convention was held in Lynchburg and the three hundred delegates who went to that city were royally entertained by the residents.

In view of the fact that the number of delegates to the State convention is increasing every year it has been deemed advisable to limit the number for the future, and the convention will fix a pro rata representation.

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SUIT OF MRS. PARNELL.

ENORMOUS FEES OF THE LAWYERS.

Captain O'Shea Will Make His Appearance in the Case, Which is to be Tried Before a Special Jury—Other Matters.

[Special Dunlap Cable to the Times.]

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The costs in Mrs. Parnell's will suit, which will be tried early in March, involving a sum of 200,000 pounds, are enormous. Attorney-General and Sir Charles Russell will receive each 800 guineas fees, and in addition to this each will receive 200 guineas for reading a massive pile of papers in the suit and fees of similar character will be given Sir Henry James and Messrs. Interwick, Rayford, Lewis, Coward, Tindal, Atkinson and Barnard, all of whom will appear. Sir Charles Russell represents Mrs. Parnell, the plaintiff, who, under the will of her husband, Mrs. Maria Wood, is left the sole legatee. The case will be tried before a special jury, and is expected to occupy a fortnight. The defence relied upon is that undue influence was brought to bear upon the testatrix. One of the interveners is Captain O'Shea, Mrs. Parnell's ex-husband, and another is Mrs. Steacie, the plaintiff's sister.

KILLED WHILE ELEPHANT-CATCHING.

The sad news has just reached army circles here of the death of Mrs. Anson, the wife of Major Anson, the superintendent of the Bulpur State, in India. The party were elephant catching at Garhwal under the charge of Major Anson, who, with his wife, were riding a tame elephant, which was attacked by one of the wild elephants and overthrown. Major Anson escaped unhurt, but his wife received injuries which a few hours later proved fatal.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY.

Monday next, which is the anniversary of the death of Mary Queen of Scots, will be celebrated by a number of local idiots known as Royalists and by members of the "City Directory" with all its follies. E. H. Stoddern with his grand comedies on the 18th, 19th and 20th. Then the prices of quaint comedians in his new play of "Peaceful Valley," which is the crowning effort of a most successful career, having received endorsement from the public by the largest box-office returns of any one of his former comedies, and is pronounced by the press as the quaintest, neatest and funniest of comedies. Mrs. Dr. Longshore, who, the distinguished medical lecturer, will, on the last week of the month, her lectures are of the highest character, entertaining, instructive and extremely important to all classes of people who place value on the hygienic laws for governing the human system.

Stranding of the Victoria.

The stranding of Her Majesty's steamship Victoria has brought out an amazing official statement that many rocks exist on the Greek coast which are not laid down in charts carried by a British man-of-war. It is understood that the fact that the Victoria did not contemplate the possibility of such ships as the Victoria ever passing through those waters. If there be any meaning in this at all it must be that the Victoria is a ship which is not to be used to her advantage, but has ventured into channels where rocks existed in absolutely unknown quantities. The statement which comes from a neighboring department has caused blank surprise, as being, if true, simply outrageous, and, if not a lie, a blunder. The ship cost the nation \$1,000,000.

A NEW FOG BALL.

Herr Paul Riehm has invented a mist or fog ball by means of which an enemy may be wrapped in the mist of a thick fog. These fog balls are composed of broken spheres containing ammonia and certain acids, which upon escaping, create a fog which envelops all around until blown away by the wind. The inventor says that in this fog fog about them, it will be impossible for the enemy to find their range or to reply to an attack.

APPEARANCE OF A NEW STAR.

Last Monday an anonymous post card was received by the Edinburgh Observatory announcing the appearance of a new star to take place the same evening. Accordingly this new star was distinctly up to time, both in Edinburgh and in the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. Its position is on the border of the milky way, a degree south of the constellation Auriga, which is at present near its zenith. A star of one-fifth magnitude easily seen with the common opera-glass. Astronomers are now trying hard to discover the prophetic individual who sent the post card. A new star is so rare, but a man who after discovering one failed to claim the honor is a curiosity never before heard of.

THE CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND THE THEATRE.

There are many Catholic churches where the ministers hope that the new archbishop will relax the vet. placed upon them to hold at theatres by the late Cardinal Manning.

The unvarying hostility towards theatres which the late cardinal displayed and which he shared with the late Mr. Spurgeon, is by no means prevalent among the Catholic clergy, many of whom feel that it is unjust to condemn an innocent intellectual pleasure, such as seeing Irving as Cardinal Wolsey, or Mr. Tree as Hamlet.

DEATH OF SIR MORRELL MACKENZIE.

Sir Morrell Mackenzie had been in failing health many months and had many forebodings of the early termination to his career. When he made his autumn visit to his lakes he said that he would never would resume his practice. Other agencies besides the influenza combined to cause his death. One thing that afforded Sir Morrell most pleasure in his latter days was the restoration of the confidence and friendship of the Prince of Wales. On the occasion of the row over the management of the throat hospital the Prince withdrew his patronage. Later, however, the Prince and the Duke of Edinburgh came under the treatment of Sir Morrell and the Prince of Wales in recognition of the surgeon's services sent him a handsome breast-pin and a letter of thanks.

STANLEY IN POLITICS.

Stanley, a possible African reformer, is spoken of as a possible candidate in the Liberal interest for a seat in the next general election and it is said that he will be asked to stand for the borough of Deudleigh, a Conservative stronghold.

Robert Downing.

Robert Downing, the brilliant young Shakespearean actor, who now stands on an equal footing with the great tragedians of the modern stage, will appear at the New Richmond Theatre on Monday and Tuesday in three performances, which will be given as follows: "The engagement will open on Monday evening with a grand production of Shakespeare's greatest work, 'Julius Caesar,' with Mr. Downing in his great impersonation of Marc Anthony. A special matinee will be given on Tuesday afternoon, when a double comedy bill, including 'Katherine and Petrarch' and 'French Marriage' will be given. Our theatre-goers will have an opportunity of seeing this brilliant actor in comedy, and will be able to judge as to his great instability. On Tuesday evening the engagement will close with a performance of 'The Merchant of Venice,' in which Mr. Downing will be given with the most remarkable cast that the play has ever had, inasmuch as there will be no less than eight Knights of Pythias in the principal parts, including Mr. Downing himself, who is a most enthusiastic member of the order and a Sir Knight in the U. S. K. P. H. Mr. Downing will be supported by his own company of players, which is headed by that beautiful woman and charming actress, Eugenie Blair, who is sure to receive a warm welcome at the hands of her many admirers in this city. Fred C. West, who for many seasons contrasted the leads with the late lamented Lawrence Barrett, is also a member of this strong organization. The other members of the company have been selected by Mr. Downing with reference to their fitness for the various characters assigned them. New and appropriate scenery will be used in the above named plays, and the costumes worn, which are all by that well-known New York costumer, Hawthorne, are said to be both rich and historically correct.

Duff's Opera Company.

Duff's Opera Company is doubtless the best light opera troupe seen here since the "Boston Idealists." It is a large organization, and has a chorus that is unusually well drilled. The cast is very strong and embraces the following well-known vocalists: The prima donna is